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## **Media Advisory**

### Bake Sale to Raise Awareness of Issues Facing Montana Families

(Helena) --- Were you aware that the U.S. is one of only five countries of 168 studied that doesn't mandate some form of paid maternal leave, putting us on par with Papua New Guinea, Lesotho, and Swaziland? Were you also aware that 163 countries give mothers and 45 countries give fathers the right to paid leave with the birth of a child, however the United States doesn't? The US provides 12 weeks of unpaid leave for those who work for companies with more than 50 employees.

Who? A community based women's group, inspired by the national movement, ***Moms Rising***, will sponsor a bake "sliding scale" sale based on the United States wage gap, while *Motherhood Manifesto*, a poignant and humorous documentary that captures the struggles and successes of mothers in the United States, cycles.

What? The group intends to call attention to issues surrounding the "gap," with the hopes of spearheading cultural and political change for a more family-friendly environment.

When? Thursday, March 8, 2007 in celebration of International Women's Day.  
From 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Where? In the fan area outside of the Senate chamber, state capitol.

How? Sliding scale for recommended donation of baked goods is as follows:

- o 1 dollar for men
- o 90 cents for women without children
- o 73 cents for married mothers
- o 60 cents for single mothers
- o 54 cents for Native American women

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